

SENATE BILL 325

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Chapter 118 of the Private Acts of 1979; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the privilege tax on the occupancy of hotels and motels authorized for counties having a population of not less than 35,480 nor more than 35,500 according to the federal census of 1970 or any subsequent federal census.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 118 of the Private Acts of 1979, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 2. Authority to Levy Tax. The county is authorized to levy a privilege tax upon the privilege of occupancy in any hotel of each transient, in an amount not exceeding six percent (6%) to the rate charged by the operator. The county commission may modify the amount of tax by resolution remaining subject to the six percent (6%) limitation, and such tax is to be collected as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. Section 10 of Chapter 118 of the Private Acts of 1979, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language to be designated as subsection (b):

(b) The proceeds from the one percent (1%) increase from five percent (5%) to six percent (6%) shall be for the purpose of recreational facilities operation, development and capital improvements.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Putnam County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body of Putnam County and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.